

AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the second full paragraph of page 13 with the following re-written version:

The front of piston 5 contains a plurality of withdrawal claws 2C. These claws comprise forwardly extending fingers that contain an arrowhead shaped projection at the end of each finger. It can be seen from figure 6A, that these withdrawal claws 2C are at least partially housed in recess 52 in the inner surface of the needle retraction device 47. Additionally, withdrawal claws 2C~~also~~ engage against the a shoulder 51 created by recess 52 in the front of the needle retraction device 47 and therefore lock the piston against retraction into the needle retraction device. Thus, until these withdrawal claws are moved, the piston is locked against retraction.